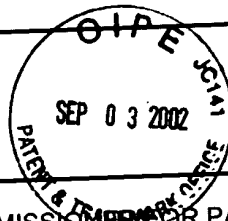


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11. A method for the treatment or prophylaxis of calcium deficiencies in a mammal having or at risk of calcium deficiency comprising the steps of enterally administering to the mammal a nutritional composition comprising one or more *Lactobacillus* bacteria.

14. The method of Claim 11 wherein the nutritional composition is a liquid and comprises about 10^7 to about 10^{11} cfu/ml of the *Lactobacillus* bacteria.

19. A method for increasing absorption of calcium from a diet comprising the steps of enterally administering to a mammal requiring increased calcium absorption a nutritional composition comprising one or more *Lactobacillus* bacteria.